

Key Verse: Proverbs 22:7 – The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

Servant: Hebrew – ‘ebed (eh’-bed); a servant, a slave, in bondage

Crazy Statistics of Truth in Our World Today:

1. The average household debt in the U. S. is _____% of the household income.
2. The average credit card debt on cards w/ a balance is \$_____.
3. The average 21-year-old is \$_____in debt. By the time that person turns 28, that number jumps to \$_____.
4. According to recent figures, _____% of U.S. households live their lives paycheck to paycheck.

The Temptations of Money & Things:

- We Are Tempted to _____ money. (Matthew 6:24)
- We Are Tempted to _____ money. (1 Timothy 6:10)

Ecclesiastes 5:10 – Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

A Godly Perspective on Money:

Today's Truth Takeaway: Money Serves _____ as we serve _____.

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This week at Hope Springs

For more information about these and other ministries of Hope Springs Church, please visit MyHopeSprings.com or call 860-684-5539.

- ✓ Sunday @ 6:00 p.m. – Hope Team @ Pastor Kris & Jada’s house.
- ✓ Monday @ 6:00 p.m. – Hope Team @ Ron & Grace Mrozik’s house.
- ✓ Monday @ 6:30 p.m. – Hope Team @ John & Jody Waugh’s house.
- ✓ Monday @ 6:30 p.m. – Financial Peace University @ Church Building.
- ✓ Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. – Hope Team @ Lew & Katie Garreffa’s house.

Top 3 Ministry Needs

Don't miss the joy and fellowship of volunteering and serving at Hope Springs Church. Mark your Connection Card for more information.

- ✓ Young Believers
Help in Kid's Church, 3-4 Year Old or Nursery Ministry on a permanent or rotating basis.
- ✓ First Impressions
Serve in our Parking, Greeting or Pre-Service Planning
- ✓ Facility Management
Serve by repairing & keeping up w/ projects that need to get done around the church building & parsonage

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Hope Springs Church exists to shamelessly glorify God by making disciples through Spirit-Filled Worship, Spirit-Filled Community & Spirit-Filled Expansion.

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To sign up for Automatic Giving, grab a form in the foyer or download one from our web-site at www.myhopesprings.com/giving.

Thank you for making helping make our mission an important part of your life.

Welcome To HOPESPRINGS Church

We're so glad you're here! When you come to church & spend time in worship, you're taking to the time to stay connected with God & with those that make up the church. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me... will produce much fruit."

When you are connected to God, you are connected to your life source & everything you need is found in Him—joy, strength, peace, endurance, and hope. As you draw close to Him today, you can be confident that His abundant love will speak life to you.

Here are a few suggestions to make your worship experience a great one:

- ✓ We honor ALL of our guests & ask them to please be certain to fill out a Connection Card, found inside this Bulletin. You can place it in the offering baskets on the stage on your way out & we'll send you a special gift this week.
- ✓ Parents, we encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful Kid's Services & Nursery facilities downstairs. For security purposes, please be certain to sign your child in.
- ✓ Please remember to silence all cell phones during the service.
- ✓ We truly pray you experience God in a fresh & impactful way today & you will allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you. If you need prayer for a specific need, please find your way to the front of the stage & a prayer partner will meet you there.

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Attention Teenagers! The Launch 2012 is just a couple weeks away. Cost for the launch this year is \$60 and includes lunch on Saturday. This event is full of great music, awesome speakers & a lot of fun.

The Launch is being held in East Hartford so there will be no hotels or overnight travel. See Pastor Frankie if you are interested or email him at Frank@myhopesprings.com

FOR QUESTIONS OR IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP W/ CHRISTMAS GIVING, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICES.

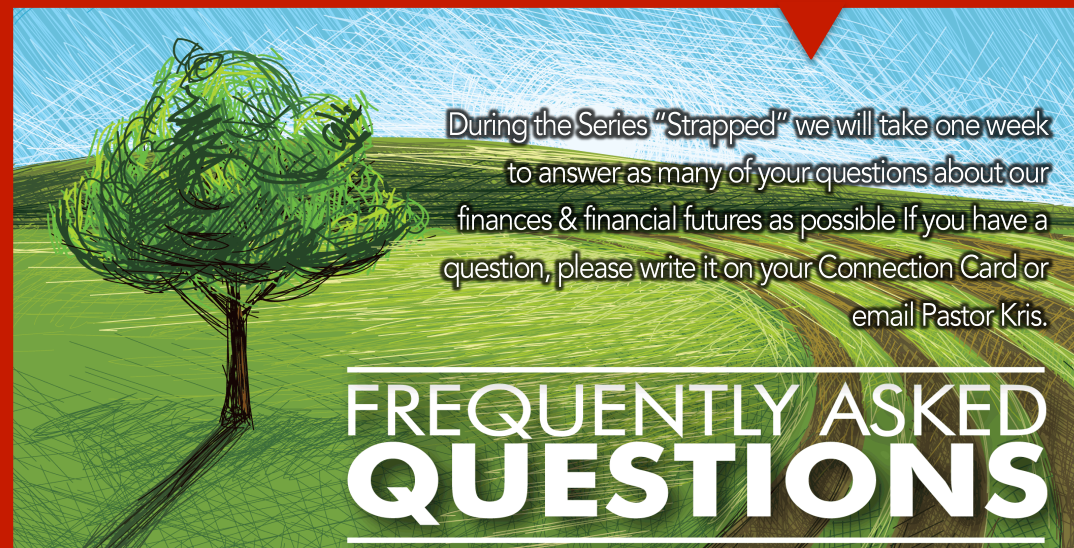


Hope Springs Church is adopting 2 families this year for Christmas. Please be in prayer about how you might be able to give gifts or financially to bless someone this Christmas season.

More Info Coming SOON!

Acts 20:35 – It is more blessed to give than to receive.

TO SUBMIT A QUESTION, EMAIL PASTOR KRIS @ KRIS@MYHOPESPRINGS.COM



During the Series "Strapped" we will take one week to answer as many of your questions about our finances & financial futures as possible. If you have a question, please write it on your Connection Card or email Pastor Kris.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Series: Strapped Week #1: A Godly Perspective on Money

Talking through the message during the week with your Hope Team or family will help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps as you move forward. Begin with the key questions, add any additional scriptures and questions if needed or desired, and then wrap up in prayer and deciding on your NEXT STEPS.

Kris' Main Idea:

We don't serve money. We serve God. Money serves us as we serve God.

Key Questions:

- What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you?
- Why did this thought grab your attention?
- If someone was to look at your checkbook, what could they tell about you based on the way you spend your money?
- Kris said that we are tempted to serve and love money. In what ways have you been tempted to love and serve money?

With your bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Matthew 6:19-24, 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Ecclesiastes 5:10

More Key Questions:

- What is one of the stupidest things you've ever done with money and what did you learn from that experience?
- Do you feel strapped by your finances? Why or Why Not?
- If money were no object, what would you do with the rest of your life?
- What are some steps you can take this week to ensure you are serving God and not money?

Next Steps:

- What is one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned during the message or the conversation at your Team?

Daily Bible Readings & Prayer Focus This Week:

- Day 1: Proverbs 22:7 – Ask God to reveal to you the areas where you have a servant mentality.
- Day 2: Matthew 6:19-24 – Ask God to give you a heart for what really matters and determine to give towards those areas.
- Day 3: 1 Timothy 6:1-10 – Ask God to protect your heart as you seek to be a content with what God has provided for you already.
- Day 4: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 – Ask God to reveal to you the steps can you take to better use your financial resources to help others.
- Day 5: Romans 13:8-10 – Ask God to show you people or situations where a debt of love on your part can be paid in full.
- Day 6: Luke 16:1-15 – Ask God to reveal debts that are owed to you that you might be able to forgive. Hint: Not just financial debts... forgiveness is HUGE!
- Day 7: Proverbs 21:20 – Ask God to reveal to you how you might be a better steward of what God has already provided you and then make a plan to take action on correcting or changing your circumstances.